

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is working to implement the new Medicare prescription drug coverage, and this toolkit is a first step in making people with Medicare aware of the changes. This toolkit provides you with the tools and information you need to conduct outreach on Medicare prescription drug coverage.

The information in this toolkit will be updated regularly through our website at www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships as we continue to work hard to share the latest information with you on changes to Medicare, including the new Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Please visit our website regularly to learn about changes in the outreach toolkit, preferred terminology, and other Medicare training materials. You can send an email message to BSPGtraining@cms.hhs.gov if you would like to be added to our listserv and receive update notices.

Thank you,

The National *Medicare & You* Training Team

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The following terms are preferred for speaking to people with Medicare (for a complete list of preferred terms, visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/tools/materials/preferredterms.pdf>):

<i>Family and friends</i>	instead of	Caregivers
<i>On average coverage at least as good as</i>	instead of	Creditable coverage
<i>Those who automatically qualify for extra help</i>	instead of	Deemed